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~~20.~~ The process of Claim ¹¹~~19~~, further comprising a series of heat-sealing elements associated and moving with the cross-seals as the web continuously moves forward, wherein the heat-sealing elements are adjacent or adjoining the associated cross-seals for a predetermined time.

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~~21.~~ The process of Claim ¹¹~~19~~, wherein the web is cooled to a temperature of between approximately 40°F and 50°F.

REMARKS

Claims 9-21 are pending. Claims 1-8 have been cancelled, without prejudice to reinstatement.

No new matter has been added. For example, Claims 13 and 14 find support in the specification at page 14 (second paragraph); Claim 15 finds support at page 15 (third paragraph); Claim 16 finds support at page 17 (first full paragraph, second sentence); Claims 17 and 21 find support at page 8 (penultimate line); and Claims 18 and 20 find support at the discussion bridging pages 12-13 of the specification.

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Pending Claims 9-21 are believed to be patentable over the cited art of record, and an allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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